



NEWSLETTER

"Learning in mind, community at heart"



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Key Dates 2018/2019

Please see new dates in **RED**.

REMINDER: Tonight 18:30-20:00 Marilyn Hawes – Freedom from abuse is back by popular demand

After overwhelming positive feedback from parents who attended previously, Marilyn will be returning to school on Wednesday 7th November 2018 18:30-20:00 to present a session for parents/carers only on:

WHAT DOES STRANGER DANGER LOOK LIKE IN 2018 ONLINE & IN STEVENAGE?

Armistice Day – Themed lunch menu tomorrow

On Thursday 8th November 2018 our kitchen will be putting on a War Time Lunch which will consist of the following only:

Bangers in Bunkers (Toad in the Hole)

or

Run Rarebit (Cheese and Potato Hot Pot - Vegetarian)

These will be served with Home Guard Soda Bread Soldiers (with added top secret vegetables)

Or

Vegetable Patch Bubble and Squeak

With Air Raid Apple Crumble and Custard or Wartime Bread and Butter Pudding

There will be no other options available tomorrow apart from the above. Therefore if your child does not like any of these could you please provide a home packed lunch. Thank you.

Christmas Card Orders – Deadline this Friday 9th November

If you would like to place an order for Christmas Cards that your child has designed please do so by this Friday as the PTA will be collecting and sending them off to the printers.

Reception Admissions – September 2019

Please be aware Hertfordshire County Council coordinates admissions to all maintained schools. **Applications are open now and close on 15th January 2019.** Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Online applicants will receive an allocation email on 16th April 2019.

Individual/Sibling School Photos

We are aware that there are a number of photos missing unfortunately. We have contacted the Company who are currently investigating the issue and endeavour to have it rectified as soon as possible. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience.

2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW DATES IN RED	
NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 7 th November 2018	Marilyn Hawes – Freedom from Abuse. Parents Session 18:30-20:00.
Thursday 8 th November 2018	Armistice Day – Themed menu see details on the left
Monday 12th November 2018	Year 4 Parent Consultations = 8:00 – 10:00
Tuesday 13th November 2018	Year 6 Parent Consultations = 8:00 – 10:00
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	All Years. Parents Consultations = 14:00 – 16:30.
Tuesday 20 th November 2018	Nursery Parent Consultations 13:00-17:00
Thursday 22 nd November 2018	All Years. Parents Consultations = 16:00 – 19:30. Appointment letters to follow
DECEMBER	
Monday 3 rd December 2018	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 5th December 2018	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal = 14:00
Thursday 6th December 2018	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play = 9:15
Friday 7th December 2018	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play = 14:00
Tuesday 11th December 2018	Nursery & Class RSS Christmas Play = 10:00
Tuesday 11th December 2018	Nursery & Class RD Christmas Play = 14:00
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 5 children
Thursday 13th December 2018	Nursery & Class RD Christmas Play = 10:00
Thursday 13th December 2018	Nursery & Class RSS Christmas Play = 14:00
Monday 17th December 2018	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performances = 14:00 & 19:00 at St.Hugh and St.John's Church Mobbsbury Way
Tuesday 18th December 2018	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performances = 14:00 & 19:00 at St.Hugh and St.John's Church Mobbsbury Way
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day. Lunch options to be confirmed nearer the time
Thursday 20 th December 2018	End of Autumn Term – NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
Friday 21 st December 2018	End of Autumn Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Rec to Year 6)
JANUARY 2019	
Monday 7 th January 2019	INSET – School closed for children
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Start of Spring Term
FEBRUARY	
Monday 18 th -22 nd February 2019	Spring Half Term



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Flu Consent Forms

If you haven't already returned the Flu Vaccination/Nasal Flu consent form, just a reminder please that the deadline for these to be back are Friday 23rd November 2018. If you are unable to print at home, we do have spare blank copies in the office.

Christmas Plays

All of our performance dates and times are on the right hand side. Please note as in previous years 2 tickets will be issued per child.

Absence and lateness

Please be reminded that holidays taken during term time will be **unauthorised**, as they are not deemed as exceptional circumstances. If you are requesting any leave of absence for your child/ren, please ensure where possible enough prior notice is given. This also needs to be provided in writing. Forms are available outside of the office or alternatively on our website.

Lateness has become noticeably more frequent this term so far. This is disruptive to the teachers and children in classes and therefore we would appreciate if you could please make sure that your child is in school on time for resistration. Which is at **8:50am for KS2 and 8:55am for KS1.**

Appointments

Please can we ask you parents/carers to make appointments for your child/ren e.g dentist outside of school hours where possible. For hospital/medical appointments could you provide the office with a copy of the appointment letter as we require this for our records and will be kept in their file. Thank you.

Nursery Admissions – September 2019

Spread the word to your family and friends. Show arounds are available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There is a new system in place now for Stevenage Nursery applications next year which will operate on a first come first serve basis. We don't want any of our current families to miss out. Therefore, if you can contact us a.s.a.p. to request a place, we will then be able to issue you with an application form at the school office.

School Dinners

W/C 12th November 2018 = Week 2 of our new Deli & Street Menu. You can also view this on our website. **Please note that wherever there was an egg option on the menu this has now been changed to cheese.**

Key Stage 2 Dinner Monies

Please note all school meals should be paid for in advance either via the school gateway free mobile app or the school office in

APRIL	
Thursday 4 th April 2019	End of Spring Term – NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
Friday 5 th April 2019	End of Spring Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Reception to Year 6)
Monday 8 th - 22 nd April 2019	Easter Break
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	INSET – School closed for children
Wednesday 24 th April 2019	Start of Summer Term
MAY	
Monday 6 th May 2019	Mayday Holiday – School Closed
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May 2019	KS2 SATS Week – NO HOLIDAYS FOR YEAR 6 IN THIS WEEK PLEASE
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May 2019	Summer Half Term (School finishes at normal time on Friday 24 th May)
JUNE	
Monday 10 th June 2019	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
JULY	
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Secondary Transfer Day
Thursday 18 th July 2019	End of Summer Term NURSERY CHILDREN ONLY
Friday 19 th July 2019	End of Summer Term – School finishes at 1.15pm (Rec to Year 6)
Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday 24 th July 2019	Occasional Day – School Closed

cash or cheque. If paying by cheque please make these payable to Herts Catering. The cost of which is £2.50 per day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Contact information

Please keep us updated with any changes to contact information for yourself or any emergency contacts for your child. It is vital that we have correct phone numbers, addresses and emails where possible. Please let the school office know as soon as possible when changes are made. Thank you.

Parenting Courses

Please check out the courses section on the Family Support Area of our website for the latest parenting courses that are available.